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Project Smoke Alarm is a joint effort of the Norman Fire Department (NFD), Little Axe Fire Department, and Norman Citizens CORPS volunteers. Volunteers from OU's Medical Spanish course in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics will assist in communicating in Hispanic households. On March 9th, 2013, the Fire Departments supported by community volunteers will conduct a program that offers free smoke alarms to residents. In Norman, the Norman Fire Department will focus on mobile home parks. They will offer to provide and install the free smoke alarms. In the rural areas, Norman Fire Department Station Five combined with the Little Axe FD will canvass the rural areas and provide the same offer to residents.

This project allows the Norman Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau to heighten community awareness of the importance of having a working smoke detector in the home. It is our hope that no residence located in the City of Norman and Little Axe are without at least one working smoke detector. Community volunteers will also distribute informational materials on severe weather preparedness and family planning for emergencies.

Project Team members will consist of firefighters and local community volunteers. "Everyone is excited to help in this life saving project" said Chief Fullingim. Having a combination of firefighters and local volunteers shows how the community can come together for such an important cause, he said. Residents can call 405-245-9522 to verify the identity of any team members.

Teams will arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on March 9th, 2013, and residents should consider letting them enter their home for the purpose of installing a new smoke alarm. Residents in Little Axe can sign up for a smoke alarm at the Little Axe Community Center, 1000 168 N.E., Norman, OK, 73026.

All citizens of Norman are eligible to participate. During normal business hours you can contact the Norman Fire Marshal's Office at (405) 292-9780 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to apply for a free smoke alarm and schedule a time to have it installed.

Point of contact for further information regarding this program is the Norman Fire Marshal's Office at (405) 292-9780.

